



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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October 19, 2018

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, October 22 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "The Agricultural Reserve, Today and Tomorrow"

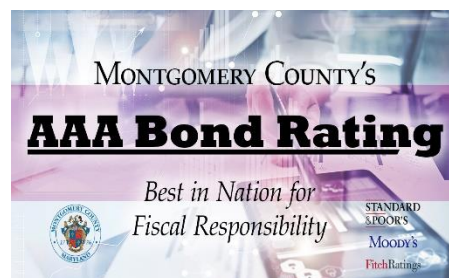
Guests: Jeremy Criss, Director, Office of Agricultural Services, Montgomery County
Caroline Taylor, Executive Director, Montgomery Countryside Alliance
Kelly Groff, President & CEO, Visit Montgomery
Fred Boyd, Supervisor of Area Master Plans, Area 3, Planning Department

Come out and meet the new members of the Board:

- Wayne Jacas, Boyds/Clarksburg
- Revonne Johnson, Germantown
- Tiffany Kennedy, Montgomery Village
- Paul Klee, Darnestown/Quince Orchard
- Deepika Mohan, Germantown
- Christopher O'Brien, Gaithersburg
- Haris Siddiqui, North Potomac

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.



County Executive Ike Leggett announced that Montgomery County has maintained its Triple-A bond rating for 2018 from all three Wall Street bond rating agencies. Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's all affirmed the "AAA" rating – the highest achievable – for the County. See [press release](#) for more information.

Montgomery County Council calls on Metro's Board of Directors to continue Riders' Advisory Council

This week, the Council requested that Metro's Board of Directors maintain the Rider's Advisory Council (RAC), which provides a way for Metro riders and residents in the Washington metropolitan area to suggest service improvements and provide feedback on proposed changes. The RAC has weighed in on issues ranging from fare increases to service hours as well as the 15-minute grace period on station entries and exits.

A vote on dissolving the Riders' Advisory Council is scheduled for Oct. 25 at Metro's Board of Directors meeting. Two days prior, the Council will discuss this issue and many others during its previously scheduled meeting with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority General Manager Paul J. Wiedefeld on Oct. 23 at 9:40am.

To read the full letter, see the press release at

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22523



**WORLD of
MONTGOMERY
Festival 2018**
www.worldofmontgomery.com
Sunday, October 21, Noon - 4 p.m.
Montgomery College 51 Mannakee St. Rockville | Rain or Shine



County Releases Report on Quality of Care Cost Modeling Study; Report Serves as Mechanism to Recognize and Improve Quality of Child Care Services

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22516

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?



Celebrate Montgomery County's 32nd Annual
Community Service Week

OCTOBER 21-28 ★ 2018

Join residents across the region for Montgomery County's annual celebration of community service by volunteering for one or more of the wide range of activities planned for this year's [Community Service Week](#), Oct. 21-28. See all the [Community Service Week Projects](#) or start on the [October Calendar](#) to find projects that interest you and sign up to help!.

Oct. 24, 2018

Montgomery County Council



MoCo Youth Town hall meeting:

The Council Wants 2 Know What's Important 2 U

Doors open at 6 p.m. with pizza in Council cafeteria

Reception at 6:30 p.m. with Councilmembers & Councilmember for the Day finalists

Town Hall Meeting - 7 - 8.30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room (3rd floor)

Students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for attending

Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Participate on social
media using
#MoCoYouth



Questions: Sonya.Healy@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7926

Germantown Alliance to Host a Public Safety Forum
Thursday, October 25 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Germantown Alliance is hosting a public safety forum to get an update from 5th District Police Commander Mark Plazinski on crime in our community. If you have concerns about the level of crime in Germantown or are interested in learning more about the Germantown community, feel free to attend.

**Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center Teams Up with
Friends of Montgomery County Animals to Host No-Cost Adoption Promotion**

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC) has teamed up with Friends of Montgomery County Animals to host an "Autumn Adoption Fest," a fee-waived adoption event including all species of animals, **from Monday, October 15 through Thursday, October 25 (excluding Wednesdays).** MCASAC will offer no-cost adoptions to encourage the public to adopt homeless pets and make room at the shelter for new arrivals needing placement. For details, visit https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22510

Montgomery County Public Libraries Presents a Free Senior Resource Fair on
Thursday, October 25 11:00am – 3:00pm
Kensington Park Library
4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington

"Enriching the Lives of Seniors" is the theme for the fair, which aims to connect seniors to the numerous library and county resources available. Seniors can participate in fitness demonstrations, information sessions and network with representatives about housing and recreation opportunities. Author Armiger Jagoe will join the event for a book signing and discussion of his book "I Love Being Old."

Exhibitors and presenters include:

- Elder law and estate planning resources by Attorney Amy L. Griboff;
- Fitness demonstrations from the Bone Builders Exercise and Fitness program;
- Holy Cross Health Partners in Kensington;
- Jewish Council for the Aging Memory Care—Arden Courts;
- Maryland State Insurance Administration;
- Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped;
- Montgomery County Health and Human Services Senior Connection Transportation Program;
- National Network of Medical Libraries—Health Research;
- Oasis—Fun, Educational, and Creative Classes; Technology Connections; Intergenerational Tutoring; and Health Programs;
- Senior Beacon; and
- Villages of Kensington.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Robin Pachtman at 240-773-9515.

Montgomery County Public Libraries Offers Fall Programs for Job Seekers

Under its workforce umbrella, Montgomery County Public Libraries offers a range of workshops to meet the needs of job-seeking county residents. For details and locations, visit

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22502

Washington Area Conducting Survey as Part of Regional Bus Transformation Project

Through November 16, the public is invited to provide input through a mobility survey on making local bus service a better transportation choice. The survey will assess the opinions, preferences and desires for bus service in the region among bus riders and non-riders alike.

Take the survey online in [English](#) or [participe en la encuesta](#) or, fill out the survey at one of two upcoming events (weather permitting):

- Friday, November 9, Friendship Heights Metro Station, 3:00pm to 7:00pm
- Tuesday, November 13, Silver Spring Metro Station/Sarbanes Transit Center, 3:00pm to 7:00pm

More information is available online at the [Washington Area Bus Transformation Project website](#).

MCDOT Receives \$4.365 Million from U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration to Purchase 10 Electric Buses

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has received a \$4.365 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to replace diesel buses with 10 new, electric buses that will have lower fuel costs and be more reliable with fewer breakdowns. In September 2017, MCDOT received an FTA grant for \$1.75 million to purchase four electric buses and charging stations. [Read more.](#)

MCDOT Wins \$300,000 Maryland Bikeways Program Grant

MCDOT has won a \$300,000 Maryland Bikeways Program grant to prepare a final design for a one-half mile, 10-foot-wide shared use path along [Emory Lane and Muncaster Mill Road](#) that will provide better connections with the proposed North Branch Trail and Rock Creek Regional Park. [Read more.](#)

**DON'T BE THE
DEALER**

Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

**Saturday, October 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**



Drug Take-Back Day

On Saturday, October 27 between 10:00am and 2:00pm, community members can drop off unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs, as Montgomery County once again participates in the Washington Division of the [Drug Enforcement Administration's \(DEA's\) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#). Understanding the prevalence of opioid overdoses and abuse, this event is a particularly important means for the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted opioid prescriptions and prevent their life-threatening abuse. For locations, see [press release locations](#).

General Election Early Voting Thursday, October 25 – Thursday, November 1 10:00am – 8:00pm

Voters may go to any early voting sites in Montgomery County and cast a ballot. Early voting results are tallied on Election Night, just like votes cast on Election Day.

- [Map of Early Voting Centers.](#)
- [Official Voter Guide and Sample Ballot.](#)
- [MD Board of Elections.](#)

National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 21-27, 2018

This week and every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a vehicle. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding, and number of passengers. Most teens find themselves in danger on the road simply because they lack experience behind the wheel.



For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>